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BEGIN SUMMARY. AS RESULT POSTPONEMENT OF FURTHER MEETINGS
WITH MOFA ON DIPLOMATIC COMPENSATORY MEASURES BECAUSE
OF AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN (REF), AMERICAN
BUREAU DIRECTOR PAK SANG-YONG INFORMALLY GAVE POLCOUNS
PIECE OF PAPER JULY 1 CONTAINING OUTLINE OF THE REMAINING
DIPLOMATIC COMPENSATORY ITEMS ROKG HAD WISHED TO DISCUSS WITH US,
TITLED "CONTINUED ROK-US DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION."

END SUMMARY.

1. MOFA PAPER BEGINS NOTING THAT TRADITIONAL COOPERATIVE
RELATIONSHIP AND COOPERATION IN DIPLOMATIC FIELD
SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND FURTHER STRENGTHENED,
AND THAT US SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY VITAL ROLE BY EMPLOYING
ALL AVAILABLE MILITARY, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC MEANS TO MAIN-
TAIN PEACE THE PENINSULA. IT THEN OUTLINES FOUR MAJOR CATE-
GORIES OF DIPLOMATIC COMPENSATORY MEASURES ROKS WITH US TO
FORMALLY AGREE ON:

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RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND CONCLUSION
OF NON-AGGRESSION AGREEMENT; AVOIDANCE OF DIRECT AND
BI-LATERAL CONTACT BETWEEN US AND NORTH KOREA; GREATER
US INITIATIVES FOR A LONG TERM SETTLEMENT OF KOREAN
QUESTION WITH THE MAJOR POWERS; U.S. INFLUENCE ON LEADING
NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN U.S. UNDER THESE HEADINGS
US CALLED ON TO AGREE: TO RENDER POSITIVE SUPPORT TO

ROK INITIATIVES FOR CONCLUSION OF SOUTH-NORTH NON-AGRESSION AGREEMENT; TO LEAVE NO ROOM FOR DISCEOPTIVE DIPLOMATIC MANEUVERING BY NORTH KOREA; TO MAINTAIN ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY OF NOT HAVING ANY DIRECT AND BILATERAL CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREA WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF ROK; TO MAKE VERY CLEAR TO USSR AND PRC CONTINUED VALIDITY OF SECURITY COMMITMENT AND THAT JOINT CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS OF ROK/US WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO ESTABLISH DURABLE PEACE; TO KEEP ROKS UP TO DATE ON CONTACTS REGARDING KOREA WITH PRC AND USSR; AND FINALLY TO EXERCISE INFLUENCE ON LEADING NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES TO SECURE THEIR SUPPORT ON ROK/US INITIATIVES.

2. FINAL PAVE OF OUTLINE CONCLUDES WITH "ROK PROPOSAL FOR MAINTENANCE OF DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION BETWEEN ROK AND US," IN WHICH US REQUIRED TO CONFIRM ITS DETERMINATION TO: CALL FOR RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE AND CONCLUSION OF A NON-AGRESSION AGREEMENT; CONTINUE AVOIDANCE DIRECT AND BI-LATERAL CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREA; ADVISE PRC AND USSR NOT TO MISCALCULATE AND PEERSUADE THEM TO TAKE POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS MAINTAINING PEACE ON THE PENINSULA; AND INFLUENCE LEADING NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES IN U.N.

3. IN HANDING POLCOUNS PAPER, PAK SANG-YONG NOTED THAT SECRETARY VANCE'S JUNE 29 SPEECH TO ASIA SOCIETY HAD
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ALREADY ADDRESSED SEVERAL OF THESE MATTERS. HE SAID THAT MOFA CONTEMPLATING SEVERAL DOCUMENTS IN WHICH THESE AND PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED POINTS FOR AGREEMENT COULD BE CONTAINED, INCLUDING SCM COMMUNIQUE, A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT LEVEL DOCUMENT CONFIRMING AND HIGHLIGHTING KEY POINTS OF AGREEMENT, A DOCUMENT DECLARING INTENTION TO MAINTAIN U.,. COMMAND AND ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, PAPER PROMISING COOPERATION IN THE DIPLOMATIC FIELD AND FINALLY AN AGREED DOCUMENT ON SPECIFIC U.S. COMMITMENTS IN TIME OF AN EMERGENCY.

4. POLCOUNS IMMEDIATELY RAISED QUESTION REGARDING NECESSITY OF ALL THESE DOCUMENTS, SOME OF WHICH APPEARED TO ASK FOR MORE THAN US COULD DO AND OTHERS OF WHICH APPEARED TO BE NEEDLESS CONFIRMATIONS OF LONG-STANDING POLICIES AND JOINT PRACTICES. POLCOUNS WAS PARTICULARLY DISCOURAGING ABOUT ANY AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS IN TIME OF EMERGENCY WHICH, ON THE FACE OF IT, SOUNDED LIKE AN ATTEMPT TO EXTEND THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY.

5. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE PAK SANG-YONG ONCE AGAIN ASKED IF CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO HAVING SECRETARY

BROWN DESIGNATED AS SPECIAL PRESENTIAL ENVOY WHEN HE COMES FOR SCM. WERE HE TO HAVE SUCH DESIGNATION, SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT PARK COULD ISSUE GOVERNMENT -TO - GOVERNMENT JOINT STATEMENT MENTIONED ABOVE. PAK HASTENED TO ADD ROKG NOT INSISTING ON THIS AND THAT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT COULD BE DONE ON DIFFERENT LEVEL. IN RESPONSE POLCOUNS REITERATED POINT MADE BEFORE TO MOFA THAT AS CABINET OFFICIAL SECRETARY ALREADY WAS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PRESIDENT AND WE SAW NO NEED FOR SPECIAL DESIGNATION.

6. DESPITE PURPOSEFUL REQUEST THAT THERE BE NO PRESS COVERAGE OF THIS EXCHANGE AND CLEAR UNDERSTANDING BY PARK ON THIS POINT, ERRONEOUS ACCOUNT OF FULL SECRET

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4TH COMMITTEE SESSION INCLUDING DCM STERN HAS APPEARED IN HAPTONG AND CAN ONLY BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO MOFA. EMBASSY HAS ISSUED ORAL DENIAL TO PRESS THAT SESSION TOOK PLACE.

7. COMMENT: WHILE MUCH OF ABOVE SEEMS TO BE EXCESSIVE AND UNNECESSARY, SOME FORM OF OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF SCM COMMUNIQUE BY TWO GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE WE BELIEVE. ONE POSSIBILITY APART FROM GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT SUGGESTED BY ROKS WOULD BE UNILATERAL STATEMENTS BY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF TWO GOVERNMENTS CONFIRMING SCM COMMUNIQUE. SNEIDER

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